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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/548/Add.1)*]

64/245. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011

The General Assembly,

I

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Having considered the programme budget proposals for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO for the biennium 2010–2011[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Decides* to approve resources in the amount of 29,459,792 United States dollars (at the exchange rate of 1.2 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for the biennium 2010–2011 under section 13 (International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

II

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Recalling its resolutions 55/224 of 23 December 2000, 57/286 of 20 December 2002, 59/269 of 23 December 2004, 61/240 of 22 December 2006, 62/241 of 22 December 2007 and 63/252 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications

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[1] See A/64/6 (Sect. 13) and Add.1.

[2] A/64/7/Add.10. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[3] A/64/291.

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arising from the report of the Board[4] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing the information necessary to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;

3. *Decides* to establish five out of the requested fourteen additional posts in the secretariat of the Fund as follows: one P-4 Risk Management Officer, one P-4 Senior Benefits Officer, two General Service (Principal level) Senior Benefits Assistants and one D-1 Chief Finance Officer;

4. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 154,749,100 dollars net for the biennium 2010–2011 and a revised estimate of 109,757,800 dollars net for the biennium 2008–2009 for the administration of the Fund;

5. *Also approves* the additional amount of 1,438,800 dollars above the level of resources set out in section 1 (Overall policymaking, direction and coordination) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011 as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund;

6. *Reaffirms* the need for a strategic approach to the human resources requirements for the Fund;

7. *Urges* the Fund administration to continue to make every possible effort to fill the existing vacancies in the staffing table as soon as feasible;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund, to continue to diversify its investments between developed and developing markets, wherever this serves the interests of the participants and the beneficiaries of the Fund, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, under the current volatile market conditions, decisions concerning the investments of the Fund in any country should be implemented very cautiously, fully taking into account the four main criteria for investment, namely, safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review the Investment Management Division, in order to ensure that the long-term objectives of the Fund are met and to report back to the General Assembly in the context of the biennial report on the Fund;

III

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Recalling section IV of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005,

[4] A/C.5/64/2.

[5] A/64/7/Add.6. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2010–2011[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7]

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[6]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[7]

3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the Institute of 558,200 dollars for the biennium 2010–2011 from the regular budget of the United Nations, on the understanding that no additional provision would be required under section 4 (Disarmament) of the programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

IV

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009[8] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[9]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[8]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[9]

V

Revised estimates resulting from resolution S-9/1 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth special session and from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions in 2009

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolution S-9/1 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth special session and on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions in 2009[10] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11]

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[6] A/64/270.

[7] A/64/7/Add.7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[8] A/64/344.

[9] A/64/7/Add.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[10] A/63/853 and A/64/353.

[11] A/64/7/Add.3. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[10]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[11]

VI

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council,[12] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[13] the letter dated 10 December 2009 from the President of the Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee,[14] the oral statement by the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[15] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the follow-up audit of the management of special political missions by the Department of Political Affairs,[16]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General[12] and the letter dated 10 December 2009 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee;[14]

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the follow-up audit of the management of special political missions by the Department of Political Affairs;[16]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[13] and in the oral statement by the Chair of the Advisory Committee,[15] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Expresses deep concern* with regard to the recurrent late submission of the reports on the matter under consideration, which hinders their proper examination by the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit their reports in a timely manner;

5. *Reaffirms* the need to ensure adequate levels of safety and security for United Nations personnel and associated humanitarian personnel;

6. *Takes note* of paragraphs 20, 73, 74, 79, 83, 89, 94, 111 and 113 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

7. *Reaffirms* paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 63/291 of 30 June 2009, and requests the Secretary-General to continue the current funding arrangements for the activities of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region through 30 June 2010;

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[12] A/64/349 and Add.1–5.

[13] A/64/7/Add.13. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[14] A/C.5/64/10.

[15] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Fifth Committee*, 20th meeting (A/C.5/64/SR.20), and corrigendum.

[16] A/64/294.

8. *Takes note* of paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and decides to approve 200,000 dollars for consultancy resources for the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus;

9. *Also takes note* of paragraph 96 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and decides to approve the fifteen positions for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia as proposed by the Secretary-General;[17]

10. *Further takes note* of paragraph 107 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit updated detailed comprehensive financial requirements for the construction of the United Nations integrated compound in Baghdad to the General Assembly for consideration at the main part of its sixty-fifth session;

12. *Approves* the budgets totalling 569,526,500 dollars for the twenty-six special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, which are presented in table 1 of the report of the Secretary-General;[18]

13. *Also approves* a charge totalling 569,526,500 dollars net against the provision for special political missions requested in section 3 (Political affairs) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

14. *Decides* that the overall provision for special political missions requested in section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011 should be one billion dollars;

VII

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi[19] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[19]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[20]

3. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and stresses that the use of vacancy management for meeting requirements of additional post-related project costs at the Economic Commission for Africa should not unduly undermine the original purpose of the post;

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[17] See A/64/349/Add.3.

[18] A/64/349.

[19] A/64/486.

[20] A/64/7/Add.12. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

VIII

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2009

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2009[21] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[22]

1. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 64/231 of 22 December 2009;

2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;[21]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[22]

IX

Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from changes in rates of exchange and inflation[23] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[24]

Takes note of the revised estimates arising from recosting due to changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

X

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 31,331,900 dollars remains in the contingency fund;[25]

XI

After-service health insurance: medical and dental reserve funds

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on liabilities and proposed funding for after-service health insurance benefits[26] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[27]

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[21] A/64/358.

[22] A/64/7/Add.2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[23] A/64/576.

[24] A/64/7/Add.19. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[25] See A/C.5/64/14.

[26] A/64/366.

[27] A/64/7/Add.4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

Decides to revert to the issue of the 83.1 million dollars from the medical and dental reserve funds included in the proposal of the Secretary-General on the funding of after-service health insurance liabilities,[26] and requests the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session with information on the composition of these reserve funds;

XII

Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2010–2011 in the amount of 13,075,300 dollars;

XIII

International Civil Service Commission

Approves the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2010–2011 in the amount of 17,755,900 dollars;

XIV

Gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security

Approves the gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security for the biennium 2010–2011 in the amount of 242,040,500 dollars, broken down as follows:

(*a*) Field Security Operations: 212,381,300 dollars;

(*b*) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 29,659,200 dollars.

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